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Enucleation of non-invasive tumors in the proximal pancreas: indications and outcomes compared with standard resections

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Research Summary

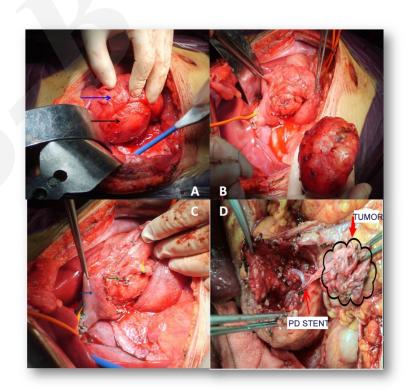
This retrospective study enrolled 123 patients with noninvasive tumors in the proximal pancreas underwent different surgical procedures including:

- Enucleation (40)
- Pancreaticoduodenectomy (61)
- Central pancreatectomy (22)

In the study we concluded that enucleations can be carried out safely and effectively for tumors in the proximal pancreas even if the tumor is larger than 3 cm and close to the main pancreatic duct (MPD).

Innovation points

- The first and largest series regarding enucleation of large tumors adjacent to the MPD.
- The first and largest series of injury and repair of the MPD after tumor enucleation.



Innovation points

 Tumor size affects the surgical strategy and postoperative complications after enucleation.

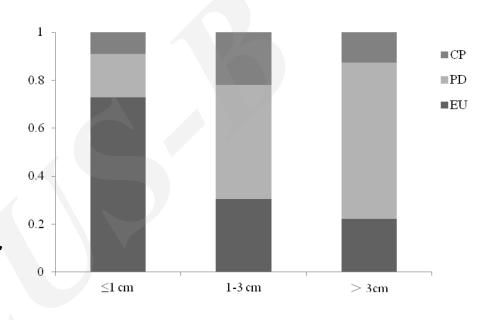


Fig 3: Percentage of surgical procedures varied with tumor size

EU, enucleation; PD, pancreaticoduodenectomy; CP, central pancreatectomy